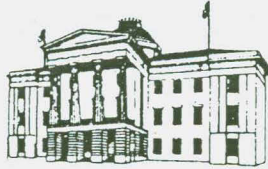


# State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE  
GOVERNOR

## SMALL FARMS WEEK AND SMALL FARMERS' APPRECIATION DAY

2010

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina's small farms are an important part of this state's rich agricultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, through the years, small farms have survived economic and technological changes to provide a rigorous but rewarding way of life; and

WHEREAS, today, the owners of small farms help North Carolina maintain a strong and stable economy by generating millions of dollars from the sale of commodities; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina more than 90 percent of the 48,000 farms in North Carolina are small farms, according to the most recent statistics reported by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and

WHEREAS, despite changes in American agriculture, small farmers continue their role as leaders of North Carolina's agricultural tradition; and

WHEREAS, since 1972, the Cooperative Extension Program at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, in cooperation with North Carolina State University, the United States Department of Agriculture, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and select county agencies, has helped lead the effort to provide assistance to the small farmers of North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 22-27, 2010, as "SMALL FARMS WEEK" and March 24, 2010, as "SMALL FARMERS' APPRECIATION DAY" in North Carolina and urge all citizens to support efforts to help small farms grow and prosper.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fourteenth day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fourth.